Staff Summary Report



Hearing Officer Hearing Date: January 15, 2008 Agenda Item Number: 5

SUBJECT: This is a public hearing for a request by SPRINT (PL070534) located at 1224 West Fairmont Drive for

one (1) use permit.

DOCUMENT NAME: 20080115dsdp01 PLANNNED DEVELOPMENT (0406)

SUPPORTING DOCS: Yes

COMMENTS: Hold a public hearing for a request by SPRINT (PL070534) (Brandon Brown/Reliant Land

Services, applicant; Fairmont 1224 LLC, property owner) located at 1224 West Fairmont Drive

in the GID, General Industrial District for:

ZUP07202 Use permit to allow the addition of antennas on an existing monopole.

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REVIEWED BY: Steve Abrahamson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator (480-350-8359)

LEGAL REVIEW BY: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

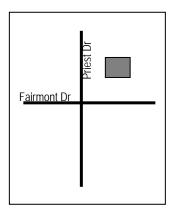
RECOMMENDATION: Staff - Approval subject to Conditions 1-4

ADDITIONAL INFO: The applicant, Sprint, is requesting a use permit for one (1) communication equipment cabinet and the

addition of three (3) wireless antennas (one per sector) on an existing monopole with six (6) antennas (2

per sector) in the GID, General Industrial District located at 1224 West Fairmont Drive. Staff is

recommending approval of the request subject to conditions. To date staff has received no public input.



PAGES: 1. List of Attachments

2. Comments; Reason for Approval

3. Conditions of Approval; History & Facts/Description; Zoning & Development Code Reference

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Location Map(s)

2. Aerial Photo(s)

3-4. Letter of Intent

5-7. Site Plan

8. Photo Simulation

9. Staff Photograph(s)

COMMENTS:

The applicant, Sprint, is seeking approval of a use permit to add one (1) communication equipment cabinet and three (3) wireless antennas to the existing sixty (60') foot wireless communications monopole. The project is located at 1224 West Fairmont Drive in the GID, General Industrial District. The existing sixty (60') foot tower is located at the west end of the property and the location of the ground equipment will be inside the existing equipment shelter. The new antennas are intended to improve the Sprint network for the area. Staff recommends approval of the proposal as submitted, with conditions.

Use Permit

The Zoning and Development Code requires a use permit for a wireless telecommunications antenna in all zoning districts including the GID, General Industrial District. This use permit request meets all applicable tests in the following manner:

- a. Any significant increase in vehicular or pedestrian traffic in adjacent areas;
 - There will be no significant increase in vehicular or pedestrian traffic in adjacent areas.
- b. Nuisance arising from the emission of odor, dust, gas, noise, vibration, smoke, heat, or glare at a level exceeding that of ambient conditions;
 - As the proposal is for a wireless antenna; there should be no nuisances.
- c. Compatibility with existing surrounding structures and uses;
 - The proposed use appears to be compatible with surrounding uses.

Conclusion

Staff recommends approval of the use permit subject to the conditions of approval.

REASON(S) FOR APPROVAL:

- 1. No apparent nuisance resulting from noise, smoke, odor, dust, vibration, or glare.
- 2. No apparent hazards to persons or property from possible explosion, contamination, fire or flood.
- 3. Traffic generated by this use should not be excessive.
- 4. The use appears to be compatible with the building, site and adjacent property.

SHOULD THE HEARING OFFICER ELECT TO TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON THE REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL SHOULD APPLY.

CONDITION(S) OF APPROVAL:

- Obtain all necessary clearances from the Building Safety Division of the Development Services Department.
- 2. Any intensification or expansion of use, including co-location of additional antennas, will require a new use permit.
- 3. The proposed antennas shall match the existing antennas on the site.
- 4. The wireless device shall be removed within 30 days of discontinuance of use.

HISTORY & FACTS:

April 5, 2000 BA000102: Hearing Officer approved a:

Use permit for three sectors at 50' level of 65' monopole

August 10, 2004 <u>BA040159:</u> Hearing Officer approved a:

Use permit for co-location of 3 additional microwave dish antennas

November 9, 2004 <u>BA040232:</u> Hearing Officer approved a:

Use permit for co-location of new 12" microwave dish

DESCRIPTION: Owner – Fairmont 1224 LLC

Applicant – Brandon Brown/Reliant Land Services Existing Zoning – GID, General Industrial District

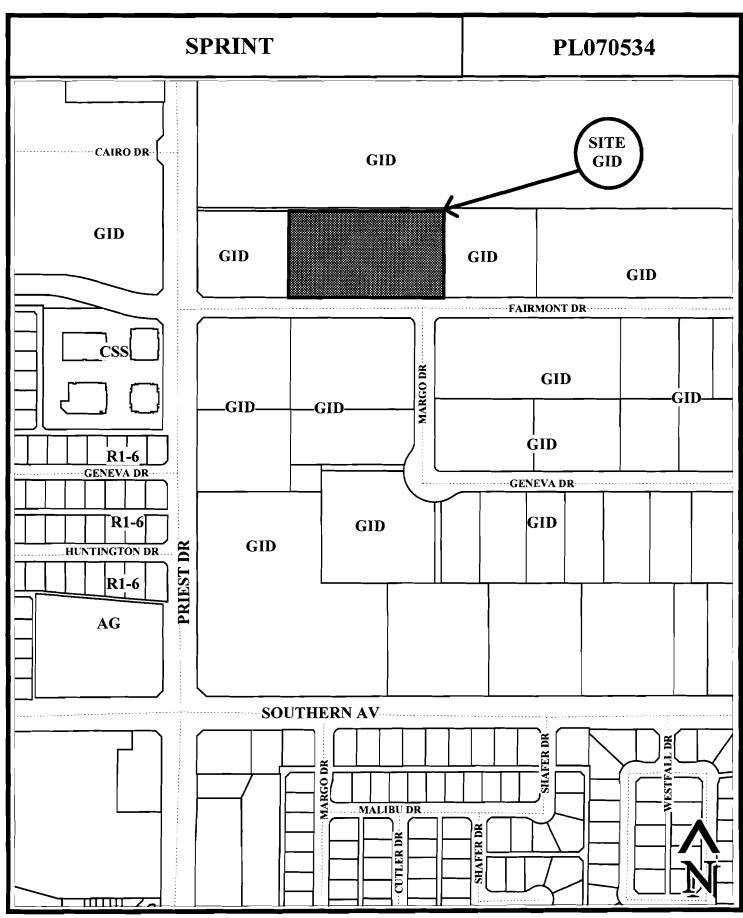
ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

CODE REFERENCE: Part 3, Section 3-302 – Permitted Uses in Office/Industrial Districts.

Part 3, Section 3-421 – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.

Part 6, Section 6-308 - Use Permit.







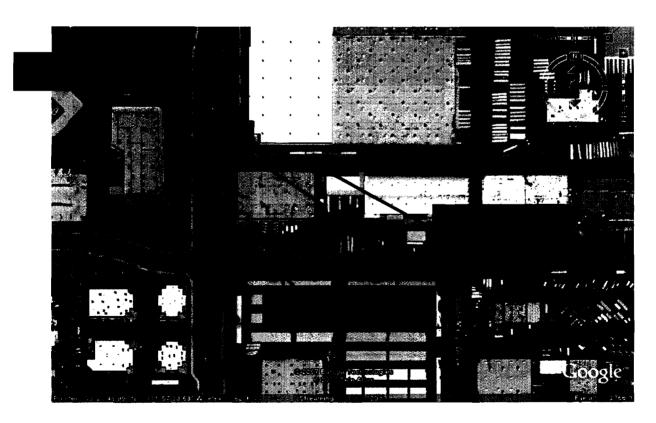
SPRINT (PL070534)

Background

Sprint is currently providing wireless telephone communications services throughout the valley and across much of the U.S. Its Federal Communication Commission license for the Arizona region requires it to provide service throughout this market area, including Tempe. In response to changes in technology to its wireless services, and its commitment to provide service throughout this area, Sprint is enhancing its coverage in Arizona. To satisfy demand for its growing technology, Sprint is requesting approval of a wireless communication facility antenna addition at 1224 West Fairmont Drive. It is the goal of Sprint to work with the City of Tempe to build and maintain a competitive wireless network, providing quality wireless service to residents and travelers, offering the benefits of competition as encouraged by the FCC.

Existing Conditions

1224 West Fairmont Drive is located in parcel 123-37-001-N. The parcel is zoned GID. The existing monopole is sixty (60) feet tall.



Nature of Request

Reliant Land Services, representing Sprint, is requesting approval for an antenna addition at 1224 West Fairmont Drive. The proposal is for Sprint to add three (3) antennas and the addition of one (1) equipment cabinet. The proposed antennas will be painted to match the existing antennas. The coaxial cables connecting the antennas to the equipment will be run from the equipment shelter to the existing monopole using the existing underground cable run. The cables will run up the inside of the monopole. The proposed equipment cabinet to be added to the facility will be housed inside the existing

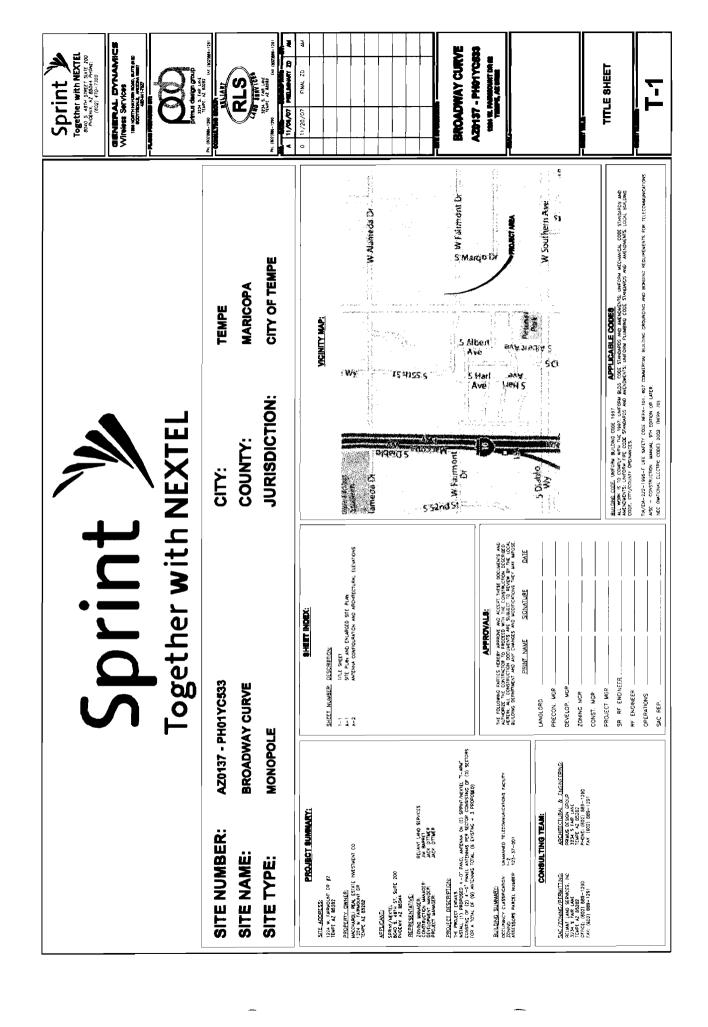
shelter. Underground power and telephone service will be run from available connections to the equipment.

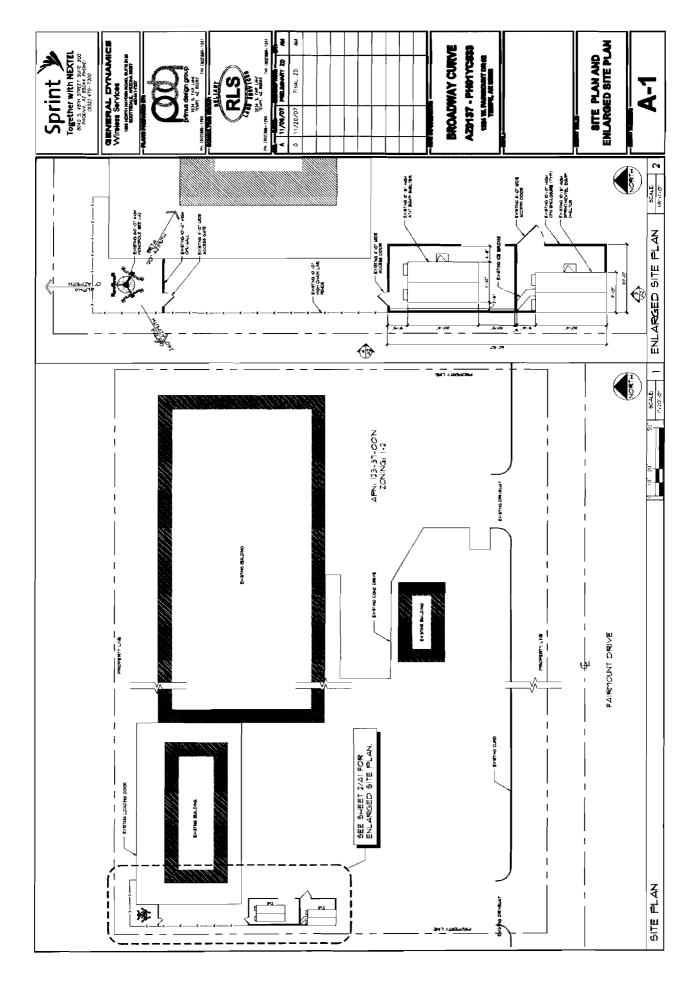
Conclusion

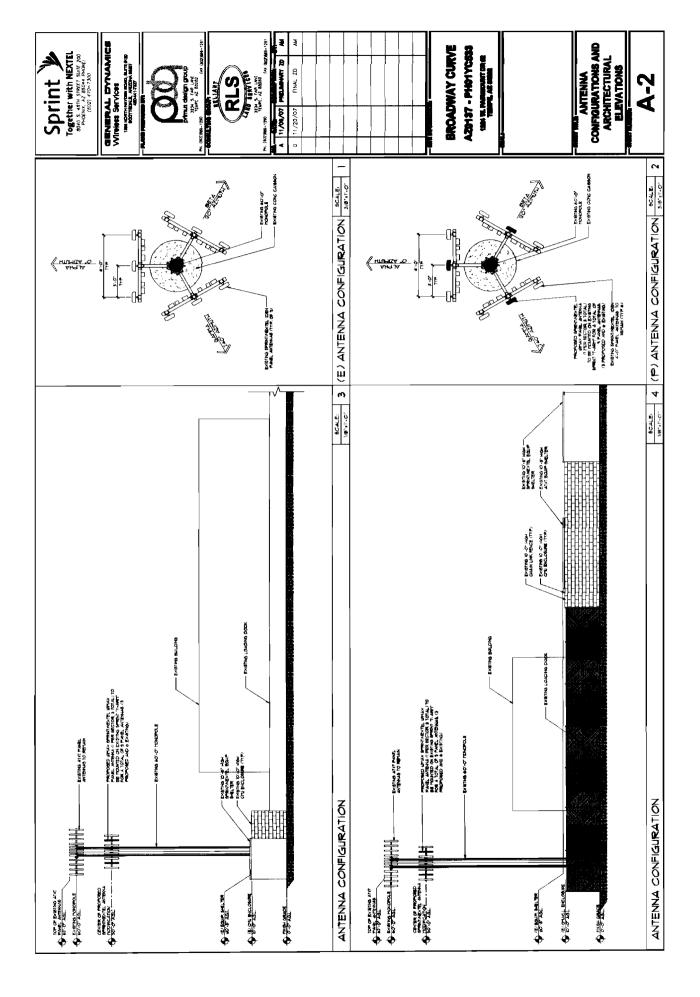
It is the goal of Sprint to work in cooperation with the City of Tempe in the development and enhancement of their wireless network. By upgrading existing antennas, this site will give Sprint customers access to the recent improvements in the network.

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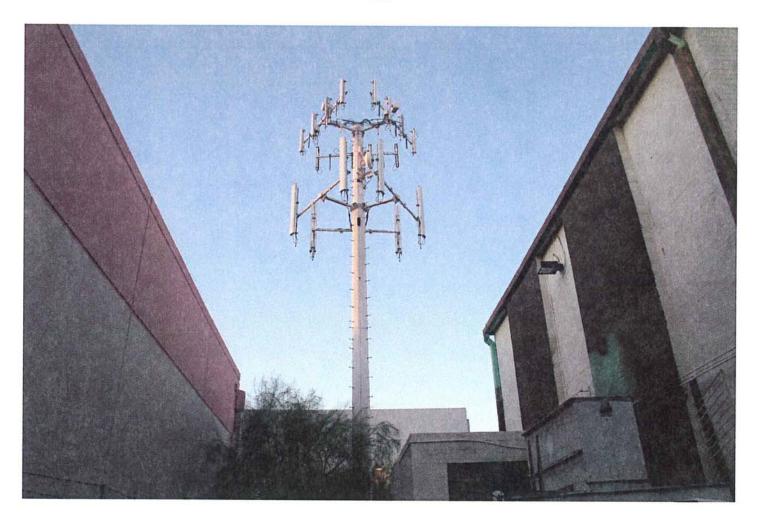






Sprint Wireless Communication Facility

At



1224 West Fairmont Drive Tempe, AZ 85282

Sprint Project: AZ0137 Broadway Curve



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1224 W FAIRMONT DR

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EXISTING MONOPOLE

